

18 JUL 1978

MEMORANDUM FOR: NFAC Office Directors

FROM :

Associate Director-Management

SUBJECT : CIA Membership on DCI Collection
Committees

1. The CIA membership on the several collection committees and subcommittees has been provided largely by the Requirements and Evaluation Staff since 1963. In some instances, the principal or alternate members were provided by the production offices. This system has worked reasonably well in the past but there are several factors dictating a review of our representation on collection committees.

2. There has been a significant increase of emphasis upon formal management procedures by all of the collection program managers in recent years, due to the large sums of money and manpower involved in the collection of intelligence information. Rigorous management practices also have meant an increase in the ratio of formal procedures to informal procedures in developing intelligence information requirements to guide the collection programs. Many of our analysts and CIA members of the collection committees have adapted to these developments and have formed effective cooperative efforts to influence collection activities to serve our analytic requirements. On the other hand, there are indications that CIA analysts as a group are less knowledgeable about collection procedures today than in an earlier era and perhaps less effective in influencing the activities of the collectors.

3. It would benefit our analytical effort if we had a broader base of knowledge within NFAC of the collection world and its procedures. To do this we must develop broader participation

by NFAC production offices in the entire collection process.
As part of this effort I am asking for nominations from your
organizations for alternates to the following positions:

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- 6/4 ° CIA Member, COMIREX (GS-14/15); [REDACTED]
- ° CIA Member, SIGINT Committee (GS-14/15);
- ° CIA Member, Imagery Collection Requirements Subcommittee, COMIREX (GS-13/14); [REDACTED]
- 6/4 ° CIA Member, Imagery Exploitation Subcommittee, COMIREX (GS-13/14); [REDACTED]
- ° CIA Member, SIGINT Requirements Validation and Evaluation Subcommittee, SIGINT Committee (GS-13/14); and

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4. This service as an alternate member would entail attendance at a weekly meeting, becoming familiar with the committee or subcommittee activity, assisting with the development of Agency positions on issues before the committee and, occasional participation as CIA member on ad hoc working groups.

5. Please nominate candidates for at least two of the positions listed above to the NFAC Action Staff by 3 August.

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